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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	<p>Application No. 10/002,433</p>	<p>Applicant(s) TENORIO, MANOEL</p>	
	<p>Examiner MARISSA THEIN</p>	<p>Art Unit 3627</p>	

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THE REPLY FILED 17 July 2009 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
- (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
- The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
- Claim(s) allowed: _____.
- Claim(s) objected to: _____.
- Claim(s) rejected: _____.
- Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/F. Ryan Zeender/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3627

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The arguments are not persuasive. For example, "Applicant remarks that Examiner fails to point to any specific disclosure of Erickson or Morscheck that discloses this element and does not offer any assertion that there is any suggestion to combine any of the teachings of Erickson and Morscheck to suggest that a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the documents and associated with one or more attributes of the documents categorized in the class would be obvious given the disclosures of these two references".

Examiner does not agree. Morscheck discloses the creation of an index of form design files which corresponds to the form design files stored in a first server and stores the index of form design files in the form design repository (col. 24, lines 23-28). The Examiner then turns to Erickson to teach "a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the documents and associated with one or more attributes of the documents categorized in the class". Erickson teaches a central database which is accessed via classifications or any other manner that allows easy access by a buyer or supplier to the information stored in the central database (col. 7, lines 14-17). The central database serves as a repository for useful information to locate goods or services of interest (col. 7, lines 65-67). Classification information may also be submitted illustrating types or classes or services or goods provided by a particular company (col. 7, lines 50-52). Erickson teaches the linking products and services to a class which will help locate groups or classes of products or services available (col. 9, lines 47-49). "Classification" is defined as "systematic arrangement in groups or categories according to established criteria". "Class" is defined as "rank"; "a group, set, or kind sharing common attributes"; and "a division or rating based on grade or quality". (Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition)

Such Morscheck's index of form design files in the form design repository; Erickson's central database which is accessed via classification; central database which serves as a repository for useful information to locate goods or services of interest; classification information illustrates types or classes provided by a particular company; linking products and services to a class which will help locate groups or classes of products or services available; and definition of classification and class are considered "a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the documents and associated with one or more attributes of the documents categorized in the class".

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, The motivation to combine is in Erickson "in order to allow easy access to the information stored" (Erickson, col. 7, lines 16-17).